

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM J. GRADFORD,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:23-cv-00010-ADA-EPG (PC)

ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK OF
COURT TO CLOSE THE CASE

(ECF No. 14)

On March 31, 2023, Plaintiff filed what the Court construes as a notice voluntarily dismissing this action without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i). (ECF No. 14). Therefore, this action has been terminated.¹ Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i); *Wilson v. City of San Jose*, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997). Accordingly, the Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to close this case.
IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 3, 2023

/s/ Eric P. Gray
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ The Court notes that the dismissal is automatically without prejudice, unless Plaintiff previously dismissed a federal or state court action that is based on, or includes, the same claims at issue in the present case. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(B) (“Unless the notice or stipulation states otherwise, the dismissal is without prejudice. But if the plaintiff previously dismissed any federal- or state-court action based on or including the same claim, a notice of dismissal operates as an adjudication on the merits.”). Thus, although Plaintiff’s case is voluntarily dismissed, it is unclear, and the Court does not decide, whether the voluntary dismissal is with or without prejudice.